January 19, 2017

The Honorable Laura Taylor Swain

United States District Court Judge

Daniel Patrick Moynihan United States Courthouse

500 Pearl Street

New York, NY 10007-1312

Dear Judge Swain:

I am writing this letter in advance of the sentencing of David P. Hobson. Dave Hobson has been a personal friend of mine for over 40 years. Throughout our friendship I have consistently watched Dave place the needs of his family and friends above those of his own. On a personal note, Dave and his wife Cathy were there for me when I suddenly lost my father at 57 years old . David's encouragement and friendship helped me get through what I consider to be the most trying time in my life. His friendship gave me the strength to pick up the pieces and continue my father's law practice, as well as be a source of strength for my mother and family.

After David and I graduated college, David returned to Rhode Island and lived with his elderly grandparents. David acted as their caretaker. I watched as Dave constantly attended to their daily needs. David would frequently cook them meals as well as run their daily errands no matter how busy he was in his professional or personal life. The caring and nurturing side to Dave continues to be exhibited as he is now the primary caretaker to a mother who is struggling with advancing Dementia and a father who is in frail health. Despite Dave's current challenges, he continues to tend to his parents daily needs and provide them with the support that they need on a regular basis .

After losing his career as a result of the matter that is before you, David continues to be remorseful for his actions. In order to continue to provide for himself and his wife , he has obtained employment as a laborer . As a testament to David's character , while most individuals would not know where to turn when dealing with a situation such as this Dave continues to be a productive member of society . I have no doubt he will continue to do so in the future.

I respectfully ask that you take into consideration the strong character of the David Hobson that I have personally experienced when imposing your sentence. Please be as lenient as possible. There is no question in my mind that David Hobson has taken personal responsibility for his actions and continues to express extreme remorse. I thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter.

Sincerely,

Anthony M. Gallone